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For: Piezoelectric Actuator

AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 18, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 18, 2001 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims 14, 15, 20 and 27-31 for claims 14, 15, 20 and 27-31 as previously submitted:

14. (Amended) In a piezoelectric actuator of the type used for actuating control valves or injection valves of internal combustion engines in motor vehicles, the actuator having a circular, cylindrical piezoelectric actuator body (1) in the form of a multilayered laminate made up of stacked layers of piezoelectric material with intervening metallic or electrically conductive, alternating first and second

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